

## THE GAZETTE.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 14.

**Couldn't Hit the Nail on the Head.**—It is reported that at the laying of the last rail on the Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad the other day, Mr. B. H. Latrobe, Chief Engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio, was selected to drive one of the last four spikes. Mr. L. seized the sledge and struck boldly at the spike, and it is said took twenty-four blows to drive the spike home—having missed it four times out of twenty-four. President H. H. Hart, who was standing by, jocularly remarked that "Mr. L. was unquestionably a good hand to lay out the line of a railroad, but for driving spikes he wasn't a success."

The oldest newspaper man in the world, Mr. Lewis Dextar, died in London, the other day. Sixty-five years ago he was editor of the Morning Chronicle, the great daily organ of the Whigs. After that he conducted the Observer, a leading Sunday paper, for over fifty years. He was born in 1773, and had attained the age of 98. He was a paragon of his age, and of 16. He retained all the faculties of his mind to the last.

**NEW BOOKS JUST RECEIVED**  
AND FRENCH BOOKS  
AND STATIONERY STORE, No. 95 KING STREET.

Tent's Quest, a novel, by M. E. Braddon, author of Aurora Floyd, Eleanor's Victory, etc.; 50 cts.  
Diary of the Besieged Resident in Paris; 60 cts.  
Motherless, or a Parisian Family, from the French of Madame Guizot de Witt, by the author of "John Halifax, Gentleman." For girls in their teens, with illustrations.  
Indices, Historical and Rational, by a Revision of the Scriptures, by David Newport, a member of the Society of Friends; \$1.50.  
Choice Poetry for Little Children; 50 cts.  
Fishing with Hook and Line, a manual for amateur anglers, containing also descriptions of popular fishes and their habits, preparation of baits, etc., by Frank Forrester; \$1.  
How it All Happened, by the author of Dorothy Fox; 50 cts.

The Poetical Works of John Milton, Aldine Edition, complete in 12 vols.; 75 cts. per vol.  
Charming English Magazines for the little folks, (monthly), "The Children's Hour," "The Children's Companion," "The Children's Prize," "The Child's Own Magazine," etc.  
State Directory of Books for the Public Schools of Virginia.  
New Books daily at  
ap 17-18  
G. E. FRENCH'S

**PIANOS! ORGANS!**

I have just received several of Wm. Knabe's SUPERB INSTRUMENTS, full 7 oct., used a short time—several nearly new—ranging in price from \$250 to \$500—one-half of their first cost. Also, 7 oct. PIANOS of other good makers, at still more moderate prices. Every instrument guaranteed. I will sell them on accommodating terms.  
ORGANS and PIANOS tuned, repaired, packed, etc., at  
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**MR. BECKER:** The new Knabe Piano you sold me has fully proved to be all that you represented in quality and tone, by all who have heard it. I am also convinced that parties wishing to purchase can procure of you, the agent of these first-class Pianos at Alexandria, on better terms than looking elsewhere; also, with the advantage of having an experienced hand to give necessary advice in regard to their use. I feel no hesitancy in recommending the Knabe Piano as a first-class instrument, and one that will satisfy the most exquisite taste.  
Yours truly,  
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I take this method of informing my friends and the public generally that they will be furnished with

ICE regularly, from my wagon daily.  
Orders to be left at Ice Depot, No. 16 North Fairfax street, opposite Mansion House, where ice can be had in lots to suit all kinds of houses, and at Samuel Lunt's drug store, corner King and Washington streets.  
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Very pretty new patterns of INGRAIN CARPETINGS for chambers.  
Also, BRUSSELS, PERSIAN, and  
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OIL CLOTHS for floors and halls.  
CRUM CLOTHS in Linen and Felt.  
Velvet and Brussels RUGS and MATS together with a lot of List and Rag Carpeting, very strong  
ap 12  
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## SHERIFF'S NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

On and after February 1st, 1871, my office will be on Washington street, adjoining the drug store of Dr. Pierpont. I would respectfully ask persons who have not paid their State and county taxes for 1870 to call and pay the same. The notice of the public school depends upon the payment of taxes promptly; and I am compelled to settle with the Auditor. The unpaid taxes for 1869, with interest, must be settled.  
I. C. O'NEAL,  
jan 31  
Sheriff Alexandria co., Va.

## 1000 AGENTS WANTED.

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## ALEXANDRIA CANAL CO.

The Annual General Meeting of the Alexandria Canal Company will be held in the chamber of the Board of Aldermen, in the city of Alexandria, on MONDAY, the 1st day of May, prox., at 12 o'clock m.  
P. G. UHLER, Clerk.  
ap 2-3

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The public generally are hereby notified that we shall, from the 1st day of April, 1871, to the 1st day of January, 1872, have manufactured at the brick yard binding on St. Asaph, Pitt and West streets, in the city of Alexandria, BRICK of the best quality, which we will sell at the lowest market price. Application for the same must be made to us, as no one is authorized to act for us in the sale of said brick.  
mh 29-29a3m  
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Washington, ap 13-14

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having taken out letters of administration upon the estate of the late JAMES HILTON, this is to give notice that all debtors and creditors of the deceased must settle their accounts with me.  
I. C. O'NEAL, Sheriff.  
dec 16-17  
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## SOUTHERN CLAIMS AND PENSIONS.

In conjunction with a reliable agent in Washington city, we will prosecute before the Claims Commission, and before the Pension Commissioners, the CLAIMS of loyal persons in the South for supplies furnished the armies of the United States during the late war.

Also, under a recent act of Congress, PENSIONS due soldiers of the year of 1862. Address  
THOMAS R. LOVE, Sen.,  
JAMES M. LOVE,  
Attorneys at Law, Fairfax C. H. Va.  
Fairfax county, Va., mh 16-17

## UNSETTLED WAR CLAIMS.

AT ITS LAST SESSION CONGRESS, AS an amendment to the army appropriation bill, directed the President to appoint a commission to ascertain and adjust the claims of all citizens in the South for Quartermaster and Commissary supplies furnished to the United States during the war. Under the head of Quartermaster are included hay, straw, wood, rent of houses and lots, grain, horses and mules, &c. As commissary stores are included cattle and hogs, flour, corn meal, &c. yet the rules which will be adopted by the commission concerning proof of loyalty and the furnishing of supplies are unknown. It is very necessary, however, that all claimants should have their claims presented at once, so as to have whatever benefit may result from priority of application, if any.

The undersigned will receive and promptly attend to all claims of parties who deem themselves entitled to compensation under the above act of Congress.

References by permission:  
Hon. F. S. Spinner, Treasurer of the U. S.  
Hon. LeRoy Tuttle, Asst. Treasurer U. S.  
Hon. Alex. Ramsey, U. S. Senator from Minn.  
Hon. Lewis McKendzie,  
Hon. Clinton Lloyd, Chief Clerk H. of R.  
John Randolph, esq., Clerk of the U. S. Court of Claims. Address  
WILLIAM H. BECK,  
Attorney at Law,  
No. 17 King street, Alexandria, Va., or  
WILLIAM H. BECK,  
Care of S. A. Peugh, esq.,  
Washington, D. C.

## WAR CLAIMS.

Congress having just passed an act creating a commission to ascertain claims of loyal citizens of the South for stores or supplies taken or furnished for the use of the army of the United States during the late war, the undersigned, CHARLES WHITTESEY, late Attorney General of the State of Virginia, and WESTLEY WILLOUGHBY, late Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, having associated themselves together for the purpose of giving special attention to this class of claims, offer to prosecute such claims, and hereby solicit the attention of claimants to their facilities for securing successful results. Call upon or address  
WHITTESEY & WILLOUGHBY,  
No. 5 south Washington street, Alexandria, Va., and 479 Pa. av., Washington, D. C. mh 9-17

## W. ARTHUR TAYLOR.

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.  
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## CHARLES WHITTESEY,

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER.

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## S. C. NEALE.

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This Commission is authorized to receive all claims from the States lately in rebellion; to take evidence and testimony, and report the same to Congress, with their recommendation in each case. No provision is yet made for the payment of these claims, and all action is subject to the future action of Congress. The Commission will set in Washington.

R. C. GILLOCK, late of Fauquier co., Va., is authorized to receive claims and collect testimony which will in proper time be presented to this commission. He will be at Fairfax Court House on Monday, the 20th of March; at Virginia county, 21st of March; Brunsellville, 22d of April; Manassas 4th of April; Leesburg 10th of April. mar 18-1m

## DR. LOCKERMAN.

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## STARKE'S DIXIE PLOW.

By invitation of Mr. F. C. Williams, of the county of Nottingham, a number of gentlemen assembled at his residence, Saturday, December 10, to test, by a trial plow, the comparative superiority of the Dixie Plow, manufactured by Starke & Co., and any other that might enter the field of competition.

The plows were taken to the field at half-past two o'clock p. m., the following gentlemen acting as judges: F. W. Epes, J. R. Williams, Robert Scott, W. S. Gilliam, Wm. T. Christian, Richard Epes, Dr. Darring, Sidney Graves, Walton Snyder, F. C. Williams, G. N. Soyars and J. M. Hunt. Mr. S. Graves and Walton Snyder were the principal plowmen, Mr. W. Snyder working the West plow and S. Graves the Dixie Plow, while the others acted as assistants.

The plows entered were the Dixie two-horse right and left hand plows, and the Watt two-horse left hand. Soon after the trial commenced, the beam of the Dixie right hand broke in two and was laid aside, the contest being narrowed to the Watt left hand and Dixie left hand. The soil first selected was a stubble land without soil, but as the plows were new, and not worn in consequence of the roughness of the castings, after a short trial it was decided to take them to another field where the soil was a well trodden, tenebrous clay, with a timothy and clover vegetation and with straw. The plows here performed their work admirably, cutting and turning clear without choking.

As the Dixie was a new comer, as the contest waxed warm, most of the judges took hold of it to test personally its practical working. While it was not intended to do injustice to any, as neither party had agent or representative present, and both plows did well, yet the trial, with the award of the judges, is deemed of sufficient importance to the interest of agriculture to justify its publication.

The award of the judges was unanimously in favor of the Dixie on the following grounds:

1st. It cut a deeper furrow.

2d. It cut a wider furrow.

3d. It more effectively inverted the soil